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# From the Desk of the President



#### DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE

Greetings on this, the beginning of the 100th year of existence of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. Melnick has thoroughly investigated the past history of the Society and will be presenting it to you in the Bulletin during the entire year.

Health care in this country, not withstanding distorted figures attempting to prove otherwise, is the finest in the world. Health care in

this valley, I feel, is equally as good as in any place in this country. However, deficiencies do exist in delivery of health care to the poor, elderly, ghetto and rural residents, predominantly. Based on these deficiencies, politicians, organized labor, the federal government and "do-gooders," have proposed massive changes in the present health care system. Dr. Joseph F. Boyle, chairman of the Council of County Medical Staffs Board of Trustees, included in testimony before the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives the following information: 90% of the population of this country receives adequate medical care. The death rate in this country due to accidents of all types, homicide and suicide, is rapidly increasing, while the death rate due to most diseases is decreasing. 89% of the people of this country have some type of health insurance. In a recent poll, 61% of Americans expressed substantial confidence in medicine, while fewer than 1/3 have similar confidence in organized labor, advertising, news media, government or even organized religion.

Attention must be focused on obtaining health care for those 10% of Americans who are not now receiving adequate health care. It is not necessary to revamp our entire health care system, as is being proposed by the federal government. Closed panel, prepaid programs are always designed for the working man, who, however, is already receiving ex-

cellent health care.

We, as practicing physicians, have an obligation to this community and to individual physicians to discuss this monumental problem facing medicine, and to take a united stand. We need your ideas and thoughts on this subject. Please attend the meetings of your Medical Society and help guide us in the right direction.

-Henry Holden, M.D. President



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#### **Editorial**

#### OUR HERITAGE

This year is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society. As your editor I felt that it would be appropriate to write a series of historical articles about the beginning of Medicine in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. These articles will consist of information pertaining to early area physicians, hospitals and the Mahoning County Medical Society. To appreciate the proper setting, some degree of non-medical history is necessary, and for this reason, from time to time, details of names, streets, plots, grave lots, prominent citizens, etc., will be included in the articles.

Having spent considerable time in research, I have found that to piece together the material into a single work required undue delays and searching when incomplete and non-specific references were found. Any errors in history are unintentional. If any are found by the reader, the author will be grateful for corrections and especially grateful for additional information (a picture of Dr. Charles Dutton, Youngstown's first physician would be greatly appreciated.)

The labor and pleasures are mine during this endeavor. The hundreds and thousands of pages unfold a most fascinating section in the history of our city. Early physicians were brave, colorful giants among men. These pioneers time and time again did the new, strange and daring—all in hopes of better medicine and a better life for their patients. They were just a few in the army of physicians throughout the world striving for still better medicine for today and the future for the sake of their patients. Our early physicians and today's physicians made and make mistakes—not one is a god. The errors are regrettable, but improvements always continues for still better results in the future.

We, as physicians, have a magnificent heritage, thousands of years old. I like to believe the doctor's status is an earned one, developed by those who came before us, but, more importantly, to be continued by those of us in the present to preserve and protect this heritage and reputation for generations of physicians yet unborn.

Shakespeare said, "The evil that men do lives after them. The good is oft interred with their bones." Unfortunately this is often true of the attitude

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#### A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley

#### MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

John C. Melnick, M.D.

This year marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society—November 13, 1872.

The society is the oldest organization of professional men in the city or county. We are most fortunate to have in our possession the original minutes, as handwritten in ink, and very legibly, by our first secretary, Dr. W. J. Whelan. This is indeed an extremely valuable piece of Youngstown's history, and it has been this author's privilege to read page by page the history of our society.

The minutes of the meetings of the Mahoning County Medical Society are almost complete. From 1872 to 1899, a period of twenty-seven years, only three years, 1897, 1898 and 1899, are absent. The minutes are then complete for the period 1900 through 1916 with the years 1917, 1918 and 1919 missing. Thus, a total of only six years in the first one-half century are lacking. The minutes are then complete for the next thirty-four years, namely 1923 through 1957. Multiple years are written in the same book. However, the physicians apparently had considerable business or became verbose, since the period 1936 through 1941 consists of six individual books whereas the first fifteen years were in the first volume of three hundred and twenty-one pages.

During 1958 and 1959, the minutes were not kept for some unexplained reason. Beginning in 1960 to date (1972), the minutes are complete and awaiting, as are all the minutes, for the dissection and evaluation by future historians.

Our current executive secretary, Mr. Howard Rempes, deserves credit for the careful preservation of these priceless documents in recent years.

During this historic year of our society, I believe it is proper to quote the minutes verbatim following an introduction and description of a portion of the first book of minutes.

A total of three meetings were held in 1872. The first minutes appear on page 20 and explain the purpose of the meeting and the appointment of a committee to draft the constitution. The second minutes also appear on page 20 at the bottom half of the page. The third and last meeting in 1872 appears on page 21 and gives the results of the election of officers. The last minutes of Volume I are dated January 12, 1888.

The doctors had planned well by leaving the first twenty pages blank initally. Later, page 1 was the Table of Contents which only lists two items:

The minutes as originally written read as follows:

Youngstown, Ohio

"The physicians of this city, having held a meeting at the office of Dr. Cuppingham & Brazilia the fellowing at the office of Dr. Cuppingham & Brazilia the fellowing held a meeting at the office

of Dr. Cunningham & Brooke, the following business was transacted:
"Dr. Woodbridge in the Chair. Dr. Whelan, secretary. After
some conversation, a motion prevailed that we organize ourselves
into an association to be known as the Mahoning County Medical
Society.

"On motion, a committee of five was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

> Dr. Brooke Dr. McCurdy

Dr. Woodbridge, Jr.

Committee Dr. Whelan

"The meeting on motion adjourned to meet two weeks from

date at the office of Drs. Woodbridge & McCurdy.

Drs. Cunningham & Brooke's office was located at 2 West Federal Street. Without doubt, the Dr. Woodbridge referred to was Timothy; not James E. Woodbridge. Dr. Whelan was W. J. Whelan, the father of Dr. R. E. Whelan.

The second meeting was held two weeks later on November 27, 1872. November 27, 1872 Youngstown, Ohio

"Society having been called to order by president, Dr. Woodbridge. There were present Drs. Woodbridge, Brooke, Fowler, Mc-

Curdy, Cunningham, Starr, Beuchner & Whelan.
"Committee on constitution having reported a constitution and by-laws which was adopted. After some additional articles to the by-laws had been adopted, the committee was discharged.

"After some discussion and a paper read by Dr. Cunningham, the meeting adjourned to meet at Dr. Fowler's office on December

Dr. Cunningham's paper was the first of a long series presented by physicians to the society. Unfortunately, the subject of this first paper was

not given.

The third and final meeting of the year 1872 was held on December 4, 1872.

December 4, 1872 Youngstown, Ohio

"Society called to order. Dr. Woodbridge in the Chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted."

"On motion the society proceeded to the election of officers with the following results: Dr. Woodbridge ......President

Dr. Brooke ......Vice President Dr. Whelan ......Secretary Dr. McCurdy ......Treasurer

Censors Dr. Fowler Dr. Buechner Dr. Starr

On motion a committee of three, via:

Dr. Fowler Dr. Buechner Dr. Starr

Dr. Starr was appointed by the Chair to draw up a fee bill and report at the next meeting. On motion, Dr. Cunningham's paper, laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up, acted upon and adopted. Dr. Brooke's Article No. 12 by-laws was also taken up and adopted. On motion, meeting adjourned to meet at Drs. Matthews and Power's office Wednesday, January 8, 1873.

The constitution and by-laws with its preamble was brief and to the

At the end of the by-laws are the signatures of nine doctors in ink and

then nine doctors in a bluish pencil.

In its early days, the members of the society set aside a portion of every meeting for scientific discussions. If a doctor did not carry out his presentation of a report, he was fined. It is of interest to note that Article XIV dealt with this "punishment". Article XIV was written four times, the first being February 4, 1874. It was then revised, as noted earlier in this writing about January of 1876; revised again and then finally "settled" on May 14, 1879.

The constitution reads as follows:

#### CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: The undersigned physicians, residents of Mahoning County, Ohio, desirous of obtaining still better results and greater usefullness as members of the "Healing Art", do hereby organize ourselves into a medical association and agree to be governed by the following constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE I: This organization shall be known as the Mahoning County Medical Society and is organized auxiliary to the

State (Ohio) Medical Society.

The officers of this society shall consist of a ARTICLE II. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Censors, who shall be elected by ballot annually and who shall perform such duties as may be defined by the by-laws which shall be adopted for the regulation of this society.

ARTICLE III: A person may become a member of this society who possesses the qualifications set forth in by-laws.

ARTICLE IV: This society shall have power to enact such by-laws at any regular meeting as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with the constitution of the Ohio State Medical Society; notice having been given at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE V: This society shall hold its regular meeting on

the first Wednesday of each month.

ARTICLE VI: This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting (notice of the same having been given in writing not less than one month previous).

Page 8 contains the original signatures of the following doctors in ink:

1. T. Woodbridge 4. John Eliat Woodbridge 7. H. G. Cornwell 2. G. W. Brooke 5. William J. Whelan 8. George L. Starr

3. W. S. Matthews 6. John McCurdy 9. J. S. Cunningham The next group of doctors' signatures were written in a bluish pencil. They were:

1. R. D. Gibson 7. R. W. Weller 4. H. H. Hawn 2. A. M. Starr 5. J. J. Lewis 8. Frank S. Smith 6. M. D. McGandyle 9. Asa C. Wilson 3. D. Campbell

Article XII of the by-laws dealt with essayists. This read as follows: "February 4, 1874—That if the essayists fail to report and at the same time cannot present excuse which will satisfy two-thirds of the members present, he shall pay a fine of two dollars into the

treasury of the society."

This was "Xed" out and a note beside the article read as follows: "January, 1876—By resolution presented by Dr. Starr and adopt-

ed by the society, this article was ordered struck from the Bylaws and the following by Dr. McCurdy substituted. (See next page.)" The substitute resolution on page 9 read as follows:

"If the essayist fails to report, he shall present, either at that or the following meeting, on excuse that is satisfactory to the majority of the members present; otherwise he shall pay into the treasury as a fine the sum of two dollars (\$2.00)."

It was revised again for the third time and, finally, on May 14, 1879, passed as Amendment No. 12, referring to Article XIV of the Bylaws, which

read as follows:

"If a member fails to report on the progress of medicine as assigned unless excused by the majority of the members present shall pay into the treasury a fine in the sum of two dollars (\$2.00)." The minutes are full of many cases presented for discussion by the membership. Not infrequently, there was a difference of opinion as to how to best treat a disease. One report discussed typhoid, a common disease at the time. It was presented because of the "beneficial effects of whiskey". Post-mortem cases were discussed, and pathological specimens were brought and presented at the meetings. Successful removal of a fibroid uterus was reported in 1879.

On September 11, 1879, "The Rules and Regulations for the Management of The Society Library" were presented. Ten rules were listed. It was the duty of the secretary to report all violations to the president. The fine

for such violation should not exceed five cents!

The first permanent meeting room was rented from the First National Bank in July of 1877 for fifty dollars per year. A dozen chairs were purchased for four dollars. Dr. Matthews donated curtains and Dr. J. McCurdy was chairman of the committee to procure the meeting room.

The doctors reported on meetings they attended, including a Buffalo,

New York meeting of the American Medical Association in 1878.

Assessments were common to "meet the expenses of the society". This

tradition is still carried on.

Procedure to govern the society's meetings was set forth early in our history. At the December 31, 1873 meeting, the order of business as established by a committee consisting of Drs. Starr and Cunningham was:

Calling society to order.

Call the roll.

3. Reading of minutes. 4. Discussion of minutes.

Reports of cases.

Miscellaneous business. 7. Appointments by chair.

8. Adjournment.

This order was gradually changed during ensuing years.

Beautifully printed notices were mailed to each member stating the time, date and place of each meeting. The first of these notices, included in the minutes, is dated April 12, 1882. The meetings were held in various doctors' offices. Many addresses gave the street and number; however, others read:

"over John W. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store" "over Manning, McKeaven & Co.'s Drug Store"

The early notices referred to the Mahoning County Medical Association

then later to the Mahoning County Medical Society.

The scientific portion of the meeting included, in addition to the case reports, a paper prepared in advance and formally presented to the membership. A "Progress in Medicine" report was also included regularly.

Expenses varied from time to time. On February 8, 1886, the secretary

spent five dollars, two dollars for postage and stationery and three dollars

for printing of programs.

One is impressed with the many rules, regulations, formats, procedures, etc. that were established one hundred years ago to properly guide and direct our society. There were, of course, revisions and changes as time progressed.

The doctors in 1872 were men of wisdom. They were farsighted, careful

planners; individuals, but men of talent and compassion.

There was constant exchange of views and information to improve the treatment of diseases. The minutes report discussions of preventive medicine, abuse of drugs and alcohol, vaccination, development of new surgical techniques and anesthesia, medical ethics, economics, delinquent payments by patients and numerous other subjects. If one did not look at the dates, the subjects were current enough to make one think, "Am I reading last month's Bulletin?".

The Mahoning County Medical Society has had 84 presidents during its' 100 years history. Doctor Timothy Woodbridge was elected the first president in 1872 and was re-elected six times holding office for a total of 7 years, the longest term of any president.

Doctors who held the office for more than one term are:

Dr. T. Woodbridge Dr. W. L. Buechner 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878

1879, 1880

Dr. J. McCurdy 1881, 1884, 1885, 1886

Dr. W. S. Matthews 1882, 1883 Dr. M. S. Clark 1889, 1890 Dr. I. M. McCurdy 1892, 1898 Dr. J. E. Cone 1895, 1896 1900, 1901 Dr. H. E. Welch Dr. C. R. Clark 1905, 1906 Dr. R. W. Montgomery 1907, 1908

A complete list of doctors elected to the presidency of the medical society

is as follows: 1872 T. Woodbridge 1906 C. R. Clark 1940 R. B. Poling 1873 T. Woodbridge 1907 R. W. Montgomery 1941 O. J. Walker 1908 R. W. Montgomery 1942 W. K. Stewart 1909 H. E. Blott 1943 W. H. Evans 1874 T. Woodbridge 1875 T. Woodbridge 1876 T. Woodbridge 1910 W. H. Buechner 1944 E. H. Nagel 1877 T. Woodbridge 1911 S. Schiller 1945 W. H. Bunn, Sr. 1878 T. Woodbridge 1946 E. J. Reilly 1912 R. E. Whelan 1879 W. L. Buechner 1880 W. L. Buechner 1913 S. McCurdy 1947 G. M. McKelvey 1914 C. D. Hauser 1948 John Noll 1881 I. McCurdy 1915 H. C. Evans 1949 J. N. McCann 1916 M. P. Jones 1917 H. E. Patrick 1882 W. S. Matthews 1950 G. G. Nelson 1883 W. S. Matthews 1951 E. J. Wenaas 1884 J. McCurdy 1918 J. M. Ranz 1952 C. A. Gustafson 1953 V. L. Goodwin 1954 J. D. Brown 1885 I. McCurdy 1919 W. D. Coy 1920 W. E. Ranz 1886 J. McCurdy 1887 J. S. Cunningham 1921 J. K. Hamilton 1955 I. C. Smith 1888 J. E. Woodbridge 1922 J. L. Washburn 1956 G. E. DeCicco 1923 J. S. Lewis, Jr. 1924 A. P. Smyth 1957 S. W. Ondash 1958 A. A. Dezesco 1889 M. S. Clark 1890 M. S. Clark 1891 A. C. Wilson 1925 W. K. Allsop 1959 M. W. Neidus 1960 F. G. Schlecht 1961 A. K. Phillips 1892 J. M. McCurdy 1926 F. W. McNamara 1893 R. D. Gibson 1927 R. W. Fenton 1894 H. H. Hawn 1928 J. E. Hardman 1962 C. W. Stertzbach 1895 I. E. Cone 1929 W. H. Bennett 1963 Asher Randell 1930 H. J. Beard 1964 Jack Schreiber 1965 John J. McDonough 1896 J. E. Cone 1897 R. H. Barnes 1931 A. W. Thomas 1898 J. M. McCurdy 1932 A. E. Brant 1966 F. A. Resch 1899 J. J. Thomas 1933 J. P. Harvey 1967 H. J. Reese 1968 R. R. Fisher 1900 H. E. Welch 1934 J. B. Nelson 1901 H. E. Welch 1969 J. W. Tandatnick 1935 J. L. Fisher 1902 C. C. Booth 1936 L. G. Coe 1970 R. L. Jenkins 1937 P. J. Fuzy, Sr. 1938 C. B. Norris 1903 G. S. Pack 1971 J. F. Stotler 1904 J. J. Thomas 1972 Henry Holden 1905 C. R. Clark 1939 W. M. Skipp

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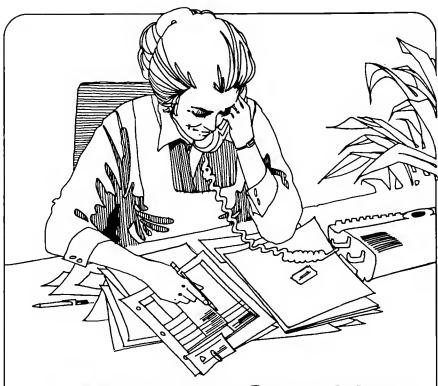
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Mrs. Holden displays her winning design, with Dr. Schrieber, chairman of the judges committee.

A design submitted by Mrs. Henry Holden was selected by the centennial committee as the official emblem for medical society activities in 1972. The design, reproduced on the front cover of the Bulletin, shows a caduceus and industrial structures superimposed on the seal of Ohio, and surrounded by a wreath with the numeral, "100", at the bottom. The state seal has long been the official seal of the Medical Society.

Mrs. Holden was awarded the \$25 first prize. The contest, which closed Oct. 15, was open to all members of the Mahoning County Medical Society, their wives and families. Judging was done by the centennial committee, which consists of past-presidents of the Medical Society. Dr. Jack Schreiber is committee chairman.

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#### **LETTER**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: At the request of Council, the following letter from a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society (name withheld) and the President's answer are hereby printed in the Bulletin.)

11/29/71

I disagree with the actions taken by the local and national Societies for the last 10 years. I think the county society is making a big mistake in not leading the area and regional planning committees.

Over this time, I think the AMA has made the medical profession look bad in the eyes of the public. When these groups could have led, they combatted; I don't think they will ever again be given a voice in medical planning.

Therefore it is with regret that I withdraw my membership in the AMA,

Ohio and Mahoning County Societies.

(Signed)

Dear Dr.

I received your letter of resignation from the Mahoning County Medical Society. Naturally I am distressed. However, my distress is overshadowed by my unbounded delight that someone out there took the time to comment and express himself concerning the policies of the Mahoning County Medical Society. If you are displeased with our medical society actions, why haven't you told us before? Where have you been all year? Where have you been for the last ten years?

Although we have asked for members' opinions and help time and time again, we have found that being president (or a member of council) of the Mahoning County Medical Society is like working in a vacuum. No response.

No interest. No opinions. Nothing.

When the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association was an issue in 1970, Dr. Jenkins, then president, wrote in the Bulletin: "I am a little past the half way point in my term of office and I find that I have accomplished little. I think the reason for this is that the officers and the council of the Medical Society honestly do not know what the feeling of the Society is, because we cannot get enough members together at one time to have a general discussion and come to valid conclusions that represent the will of the total Society. It is difficult for intelligent men who are used to solving problems to be responsible for solutions when they have inadequate data on which to base their conclusions. Nowhere is this better exemplified than in the meetings of the council of the Society."

There are twenty-three physicians on council right now. Any one of them would be glad to hear from you and to carry your opinion and that of other members to council meetings. You probably know some of them quite well. Eleven of them are from your hospital staff. Have you discussed your dissatisfaction with the Medical Society with any of them? In case you don't know who they are, their names are listed on the contents page of the Bulletin every

month.

Are they not representing you as you think they should? You elected them—either by your presence or by your absence at the annual nomination

and election meetings.

If you don't like them, throw them out of office. In fact, you were so advised when, prior to last year's elections, president Jenkins sent a flyer to each member in which he stated: "If you are not happy with the present officers and council, you should nominate and elect those of your own choosing." Were you there? Did you vote?

, I'm not going to accept your resignation. Instead, I urge you to speak out for your views and to ask your friends to do the same. I ask you to come to the election on Dec. 21 and to vote for men who will properly represent you. If you are not satisfied with those already nominated, come

prepared to make nominations from the floor. Better still, have your friends nominate you. Believe me, we would be delighted to have you on council, where we would then be able to hear from what, up to now, has been either a silent minority or a very silent majority.

I shall look forward to greeting you personally at the Dec. 21st election

meeting of the Medical Society at the Ohio Hotel.

Sincerely,
John F. Stotler, M.D.
President

#### THREE RECEIVE FIFTY-YEAR HONORS



Dr. Lieber presents OSMA 50-year awards to Dr. Baker (left photo) and to Dr. Evans. Dr. Middleton, third recipient, was not present.

Three members received the Ohio State Medical Association fifty-year award at the Dec. 21st meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Honored for a half-century of service to medicine were:

Edgar C. Baker, M.D. William H. Evans, M.D. Richard H. Middleton, M.D.

Dr .Baker and Dr. Evans were present to receive the pin and plaque, along with a standing ovation. Dr. Middleton was out of town and unable to attend. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Evans were guests. The presentation was made by Dr. Maurice F. Lieber, Canton, who is Councilor for the Sixth District, OSMA.

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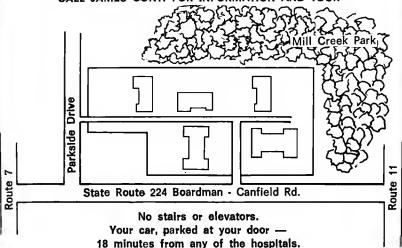
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FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1932

The Bulletin proudly observed its first anniversary. It had the same Editor but E. R. Thomas was the new business manager. In order to conform to some Chamber of Commerce rule on soliciting advertising the masthead announced subscription rates at \$2.00 a year, 25 cents a copy. No member ever paid that and the Bulletin did not cost the Society a dime. Our good advertisers paid all the expense.

They did not come running to do so. The Committee had to cajole,

threaten and twist arms but it was a little easier than last year.

A. E. Brant was President, John Paul Harvey Vice-President (no President-Elect then). Bill Skipp was Secretary and W. X. Taylor Treasurer. I told you about him last month.

The late Dr. McClenahan recommended that all mothers should have annual pelvic examinations for the early detection of cancer. It was a new idea. Papanicolou was probably a young man studying medicine then.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1942

The country was at war. We were not entirely unprepared. We had known ever since Dunkirk that it was coming, yet the attack on Pearl Harbor was a great shock and the nation was aroused. The Medical Society was quick to pledge its support to the war effort and every doctor was wondering what part he would play in the great drama.

We were soon informed what was expected. Every doctor under 45 years of age was ordered to volunteer for duty with the armed forces. Only the ones over age 45, physically unfit or essential to industrial production were exempt. Family ties, personal obligations or previous plans were inconsequential. Every doctor was on the spot and the common question when doctor met doctor in the staff room was "What are you going to do about the war?"

William Hiram Evans was president-elect. He earned his position by long years of service to the society and was due for recognition. But fate intervened. When the time came for him to serve as president in 1943 he was a Commander in the Navy on active duty in the Pacific Theatre. He is the only president of the Medical Society who served in absentia. More about

George McKelvey was the new secretary to replace John Noll who was soon to leave for active duty with the Army. Elmer Nagel was re-elected as

treasurer.

New members that month were Milton M. Kendall and Edward R. Brody

of Youngstown and John H. Thomas of Poland.

All the doctors received a questionnaire from the Procurement and Assignment Service and a blank form to fill out offering to serve in the armed forces wherever needed. Most of the doctors ignored the blank form and applied for the service of their choice or showed evidence of their being essential to home industry.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1952

C. A. Gustafson was President, Vernon Goodwin was President-Elect. He had served the society for years as secretary and delegate. G. E. DeCicco was secretary and A. K. Phillips the treasurer. Delegates were W. M. Skipp, J. D. Brown and Ivan Smith. Alternates were M. W. Neidus, S. W. Ondash and Asher Randell.

The meeting place was changed from the Elks Club to the Ballroom of the Pick-Ohio Hotel at \$100 per meeting. New members that month were Robert

L. Tornello, Robert A. Brown and Leon L. Bernstein.

Health Commissioner Walter Tims reported that in 1951 there were 55 cases of polio in Youngstown and 24 in Mahoning County. This was the highest in 20 years. There were three deaths and much crippling. Eleven cases were still in the hospital.

TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY 1962

Charles Stertzbach was President, Asher Randell President-Elect, C. E. Pichette Secretary, Harlan McGregor Treasurer and Ben Berg Editor of the Bulletin.

The new cover (drawn by Ben) showed a galloping horse drawing a chaise (shay) containing a frantic doctor. They were racing with a stork carrying a bundled infant and they were neck and neck. It was a terrific cover.

The Mahoning County Medical Society was the first in the U.S.A. to conduct a mass immunization program against Poliomyelitis, using the new Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine. 134,761 persons were immunized.

Robert Fisher was President of the Academy of General Practice. Michael Kachmer was a new member. B. B. Burrowes was appointed City Physician.

Twelve new members attended an indoctrination dinner meeting at the Youngstown Club. They were: J. E. Might, R. A. Hernandez, Joseph Mersol, W. J. Cleary, P. E. Longaker, J. S. Bates, R. J. Brocker, J. J. Anderson, H. P. Bauer, W. B. Dodgson, Engelbert Hecker and Nicholas Kastellorios.

Leonard Blum was retiring and Youngstown was looking for a new Health Commissioner. There were 59 cases of varicella, 36 of mumps, 7 Scarlet fever, 12 tuberculosis, 25 gonorrhea and 3 of syphilis. No polio, no typhoid

and no smallpox.

It was a New Year blessed with hope and courage. Doctors were busy trying to heal the sick. Competition was keen and each was trying to excel. When doctors strive to excel their patients benefit.

-J. L. F.

#### SAVE YOUR BULLETIN THIS YEAR

Save every copy of the Bulletin this year! The Centennial Committee advises all members to save Bulletins as a memento of the 100th year of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Each issue will contain an historical article plus photos and numerous references to the medical history of Mahoning County.

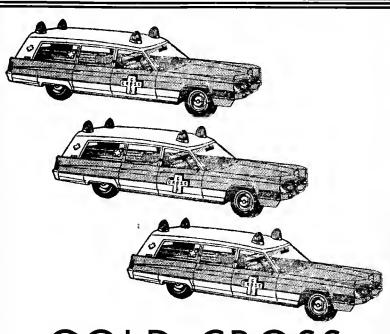
Those wishing to do so may make arrangements with the Medical Society office to have their 1972 Bulletins bound in order to preserve them in one volume. However, the Medical Society will not have extra copies of individual monthly issues, so it will be necessary for each member to save all of the 12 issues of the 1972 Bulletin.

#### BLUE CROSS PAYMENT DUE

The six-month payment for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, through the Mahoning County Medical Society Group, is due no later than Friday, Jan. 15. Payment at this time will carry subscribers up through June 30, the date of the next billing. All members have received bills from the Mahoning County Medical Society office.

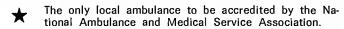
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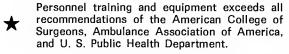
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— John C. Melnick, M.D. Editor

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#### CENTENNIAL YEAR ACTIVITIES

Members are encouraged to mark their calendars and plan to attend all functions of the Mahoning County Medical Society during the centennial year:

Jan. 18 Installation Banquet
February Annual Dinner-Dance (date to be set)
March 14 Regular Meeting

March 23 Doctor's Day
May Medical-Legal Golf Day (date to be set)

May 16 Regular Meeting Sept. 19 Regular Meeting

November Meeting-of-the-Century (date to be set)

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The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, December 14, 1971, at the Ohio Hotel, Youngs-

town.

The following physicians were present: J. F. Stotler, president, presiding: J. J. Anderson, Louis Bloomberg, B. P. Brucoli, Henry Holden, R. L. Jenkins, K. M. Lloyd, J. C. Melnick, R. D. Murray, F. A. Pesa, C. E. Pichette, Jack Schreiber and L. J. Zehr. Absent were: R. A Abdu, S. G. Adornato, L. P. Caccamo, A. B. Cinelli, D. J. Dallis, S. F. Gaylord, J. V. Newsome, M. C. Raupple and H. L. Shorr.

The following applications were presented by the censors:

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C. A. Crans, M.D.
Paul E. Krupko, M.D.
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H. S. Hwang, M.D.
Yiechul Jung, M.D.
Dong S. Lee, M.D.
Paul J. Mahar, Jr., M.D.
George L. River, M.D.

The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society fifteen days after publication in the Bulletin,

unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Bloomberg read some information from Dr. Bunn concerning the Free Health Clinic at Youngstown State University. The motion was made by Dr. Anderson and properly seconded that the outline be accepted in principle. Following discussion, the motion was made by Dr. Holden and properly seconded that the matter be tabled until the February meeting when Dr. Bunn could be present at council meeting. The motion to table was passed.

Council took note of correspondence between Dr. Lupse and the medical society office concerning medical society policy on billing for the completion

of complex insurance forms.

A letter was read from a member submitting his resignation due to disagreement with medical society actions. Council asked that the letter, along

with Dr. Stotler's answer, be printed in the Bulletin.

Dr. Schreiber, chairman, reported for the Centennial Committee, announcing plans for the 100th anniversary meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society to be held on November 13, 1972. Council asked the committee to reconsider the date inasmuch as it fell on a Monday. The motion was made by Dr. Murray, and properly seconded, that the action of the committee be approved. Motion was passed. The complete committee report is attached to the minutes. Council approved Dr. Holden and Dr. Schreiber to sign checks from the special account to be set up for centennial activities.

Dr. Holden brought to the attention of council the recent formation of a Northeastern Ohio Health Care Foundation, which is a Health Maintenance Organization. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the president appoint a committee to study the new foundation. Dr. Stotler gave the assignment to the Government Medical Care Committee, Dr. Tandatnick,

chairman.

Dr. Bloomberg introduced discussion concerning Professional Standard

Review Organizations.

Dr. Melnick asked that council commend Dr. Stotler for his work during his year of presidency. Council responded with applause.

Dr. Bloomberg suggested that the president be elected for a term of longer

than one year.

Meeting was adjourned.

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